

WILLIAMSBURG

Class Celebration Is Final Feature of High School Commencement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Williamsburg, Va., May 28.—The celebration of the Jackson Davis Literary Society of the Williamsburg High School was held Monday night in Cameron Hall, and was largely attended by patrons of the school. Miss Martha Spencer presided, and opened the exercises with an appropriate address of welcome, closing by introducing the first debater, Miss Madeline Warburton. The other debaters were Misses Nola Inman, Lucile Presley and Charlotte Gilliam. The declaimers were Misses Fern Cooley and Ima Thompson. The judges awarded the debaters' medal to Miss Inman, and the declaimers' to Miss Cooley, the presentation being made by Mr. H. G. Sweeney.

A large audience assembled in Cameron Hall last night to witness the class exercises. Rev. J. T. Whitley, D. D., invoked the divine blessing, which was followed by a chorus by the school. Curtis Inman, class president, delivered the salutatory. The other speakers were Miss Angie Inman, class prophecy; "Last Will and Testament," by Misses Mabel Powell, valedictory; Miss Madeline Warburton, Dr. J. S. Wilson delivered a brief address, after which certificates, diplomas and scholarships were awarded by Superintendent H. H. Bennett. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" by the seniors, Principal H. H. Wilson formally declared the session of 1912-13 at an end.

The commencement exercises of the Williamsburg High School closed last night with the celebration of the senior class. The following pupils were awarded certificates of graduation: Misses Madeline Warburton, Angie Inman, Mabel Brooks, and Curtis Inman, Leonard Maynard and Eric Wickie. The William and Mary scholarship was awarded to Curtis Inman, and the scholarships to the Williamsburg Female Institute to Misses Mabel Powell and Mabel Brooks, from the city, and Misses Angie Inman and Madeline Warburton from the country. The scholarship medal was awarded to Miss Madeline Warburton for the third consecutive year. The diplomas and scholarships were conferred by Dr. H. E. Bennett, and the medal by H. M. Sweeney, chairman of the city school board.

The Williamsburg High School has made wonderful progress the past session, and is in better condition than ever before for the work that lies ahead. Principals Young and his assistants have added to the equipment of the school, greatly increasing its efficiency.

The commencement exercises of the Williamsburg High School began next Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon, which will be preached at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Church by the Rev. R. L. McNair, of Blackston. Dr. McNair will also deliver the annual sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association in the Methodist Church Sunday night. The other exercises are as follows: Monday at 8 P. M.—Musical recital; Tuesday at 8 P. M.—Address by the Rev. D. C. Lally, D. D., followed by the awarding of certificates and closing exercises. The William and Mary Athletic Association has elected the following officers: President, J. L. Whitely; Vice-President, J. H. Wright; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. J. M. Ritchie; elected the faculty members of the athletic team to succeed Professor W. H. Keeble, who was retired. W. C. Ferguson was elected assistant football manager of the 1913-14 team.

Lectures at William and Mary came to an end to-day, and final examinations will begin to-morrow and last for two weeks.

ADDRESS BY HENRY C. STUART.

Will Be Feature of Closing Exercises of Agricultural High School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Chester, Va., May 28.—The closing exercises of the Third Congressional Agricultural High School will begin on Thursday evening, when Henry C. Stuart, U. S. Senator from Virginia, will deliver the closing address. The literary exercises of the pupils will take place. Superintendent Stearnes has been in charge of the school since its opening. The school closes after a successful session of nine months. The school board, after needed help given by the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield, has lately arranged for a four years' course, and there will be no graduation as was expected on the three-year course as formerly.

The Matoaca graded school will have its exercises on Friday evening. Miss Mary Friend, the principal of that school, has secured the promise of Captain John Lamb of Richmond, to make an address at that time, and expects others to be present to witness the exercises.

Recently W. G. Owens, division superintendent, worked out a plan for a bond issue of \$17,000 for that district, which was carried by a small majority of the voters, but the Matoaca school board and the voters opposed to the issue are fighting the issuance of the bonds, and the question is at present involved in some difficulty. The people are considerably stirred up over the matter, but the recent increase of school levy, secured from the supervisors by the school trustees of the county, may provide the means to alleviate the situation.

EXCURSION---Every Sunday

Round Trip \$1.50
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TO
NORFOLK, Virginia Beach, Ocean View, Cape Henry

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Leave Byrd Street Station 8:10 A. M. and 9 A. M. Leave Norfolk 4:15 P. M. and 7:40 P. M.

Only line without change of cars between Richmond and Norfolk.
Tickets good on special train leaving Richmond 8:10 A. M. and leaving Norfolk 7:40 P. M. Also good (from and to Richmond only) on the Cannon Ball, leaving Richmond 6:00 A. M. and leaving Norfolk 4:15 P. M.

Receive Honors at State Female Normal School



MISS THELMA WILTSE BLANTON, First honor. MISS PARKE MORRIS, second honor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Farmville, Va., May 28.—The honor for the class of 1913 has been awarded as follows:

First honor and valedictorian—Miss Thelma Wiltse Blanton, of Farmville. Miss Blanton has completed through the entire course of the Normal School, and takes the full diploma; she has specialized in primary work.

Second honor and salutatorian—Miss Parke Morris, of Miller School. Like

Miss Blanton, Miss Morris received her first instruction in the training school, but had her academic work at Miller School, and two years ago returned for the professional course; she also takes the full diploma.

In the selection of the honor students of each graduating class, not only is academic standing and teaching

ability considered, but personality as well.

The Student Government Association has elected its officers for the session of 1912-1913: president, Miss Ruth Gleaves, of Cripple Creek; senior vice-president, Miss Esther B. Ford, of Front Royal; junior vice-presidents, Miss Lillie B. Hughes, of Bryant, and Miss Mabel Sprattly, of Surry; secretary, Miss Marie Noell, of Danville, Va.

day, when the graduating class will have its final exercises at 10 o'clock.

At this time fifty-two persons will receive degrees, diplomas and certificates, the largest number to be so honored at any commencement up to this time.

The art exhibit will be given in the West dormitory annex on the afternoon of this day and the evening will be taken up with the baccalaureate sermon by Mrs. J. K. Ruebush, of Dayton, O., whose subject will be "Universal Democracy." Following Mrs. Ruebush's address the annual alumni banquet will be held in the college dining hall.

FINALS AT V. M. I. BEGIN JUNE 13

Hundreds of Alumni Expected to Attend This Year's Commencement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lexington, Va., May 28.—The final exercises at the Virginia Military Institute will begin this year on Friday, June 13, with the opening hop in the institute gymnasium, followed on Saturday by guard mount at 9 o'clock, battalion inspection preceded by review at 6 o'clock, with a gymnasium exhibit that evening.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday will be preached by Bishop Collins Denny, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The only military duty that day will be the guard mount on Tuesday morning. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the day will be occupied with the various military exercises. On Monday, there will be guard mount, battalion parade and battery salute to the board of visitors. In the morning and in the afternoon battalion drill in Butts Manual, followed by regimental parade and review before the board of visitors. That evening the society hop will be held in the gymnasium.

Tuesday, alumni day, will witness the alumni review, the most impressive ceremony of the final exercises, and the one for which hundreds of loyal alumni flock to Lexington. This year it will be all the more impressive, due to the fact that the alumni review of four classes—1863, 1873, 1883, 1913. In the original class of 1863 there were only ten members, of whom six are dead. The rest of the class is expected to attend. After the alumni review will come the graduation parade, the last one in which the class of 1913 will ever take part. Before the parade there will be the annual track meet and military field day. Guard mount and Butts Manual will be held in the morning. In the evening the first class ball will be held. It is at this ball that all first class men in the figure wear their white uniforms, and the girls simple white dresses. The flowers are always American Beauties. This year it is rumored that the favors will be white silk parasols, instead of the bomb, as is usually the custom.

Wednesday the final exercises will be held in the Jackson Memorial Hall. The speakers of the occasion will be John Stewart Bryan, of Richmond. The Jackson-Hope medals will be presented by General E. M. Weaver, United States Coast Artillery Corps, Washington, D. C. Captain Lieutenant Gerow will deliver the valedictory. The week of games will be culminated in the final ball on Wednesday evening.

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STOCKS COMING TO ROXBURGHESES

Should Boy Be Born, Title Will Not Pass to Collateral Branch.

London, May 28.—Anticipation of an heir to the dukedom of Roxburghe, ten years after the marriage of Miss Mary Goelet, of New York, to the present duke, presents a problem as well as a surprise to London's royal society.

Upon the birth depends the question of whether the ancient title and estates shall be handed down in direct line or shall go to Lord Alastair Robert Innes-Ker, the brother of the present duke.

Although the relationship between the two households is very cordial, it is known that the duke and duchess are eager that their child shall be a boy, so that the title shall be his. It is reported on good authority that a famous gynecologist has received a \$5,000 fee from the American duchess and has practically staked his reputation on his declaration that the heir shall be a male child.

London was pleasantly surprised when it became known that the duchess was to become a mother. The fact that the distinguished couple had been childless for ten years had made it seem certain that Lord Innes-Ker, or one of his two splendid sons, would assume the noble insignia of the Roxburghe.

It chances that American blood will head the institution in any event of birth or death, for Lady Innes-Ker was the charming Anna Breeze, daughter of the late W. L. Breeze, of New York, while the duchess was one of the most noted heiresses of America.

Lady Innes-Ker, although facing the possibility of her son's loss of a great name and estate, is quoted as expressing the most generous wishes towards her American sister-in-law.

"I sincerely hope the duchess's baby will be a boy," she said only yesterday. "The fortune of the duchess can do infinitely more to keep up the splendor of the Roxburghe estate than our possessions could do."

The Innes-Ker family is not by any means wealthy, and the blow will undoubtedly be the heaviest should the program be the opera, "Day in Flowerdun," by the primary department.

Mrs. Innes-Ker, mother of Lady Innes-Ker, is one of those deeply interested in the result.

INTERESTING EXERCISES.

Held in Connection With Finals at Marion Female College.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Marion, Va., May 28.—The thirty-eighth annual commencement exercises of Marion Female College were held this week, the opening service being the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday morning, at the Methodist Church, by Dr. S. P. Long, of Manassas, O.

In the evening Rev. E. C. Cronk delivered a missionary address, which was well received. Monday morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Long delivered the alumni address, his subject being "Divine Enthusiasm." It was admittedly one of the finest addresses ever heard in the Court Square Auditorium.

Tuesday morning Judge Waller R. Staples, of Roanoke, delivered the literary address, using the Bible and the words of the Old Testament as his subject.

The recitals were given before the commencement proper, and entertainments were given Monday and Tuesday evenings, consisting of music and recitations and drills, all of which reflected credit on the pupils and made manifest the fact that good and faithful work had been done by the faculty during the year.

The college this year has been under the management of Rev. J. P. Miller, president, assisted by the following teachers: Rev. R. E. Egan, Misses Alpha Fraunfelder, Ida DeLong, Misses E. Edwards, May Scherer, Marguerite Rugles, L. Richard Cooper.

Diplomas were awarded Miss Florence Brown, of Harrison, and Misses Emma Showalter and Mabel Jones, piano.

Gold medals were awarded Misses Willie Ewe Morris and Nita Rector, for excellence in Bible history.

Rev. Henderson N. Miller, of Columbus, O., has accepted the presidency of the college for the coming year, and is expected to arrive here about July 1 to enter upon his work.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL.

Exercises at Achilles in Connection With Commencement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Achilles, Va., May 28.—Achilles High School held its commencement exercises this evening, at which Professor C. H. Smith gave evidence of the year's work in an interesting address. Members of the graduating class were:

Bessie, Dorothy Williams, Josephine Thornton, Aileen Hayes, Jennie Thornton, Mammie Heywood, Estelle Thornton, Elizabeth Rowe, Susie Thornton, Hazel Thomas, Anna Riley, Lillie Smith, Grace Rowe, Maudie Smith, Willie Smith, Samuel Thornton, Andrew Shackelford, Buchanan Thornton, Robert Rowe, Samuel Jenkinson.

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